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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning at line 19 through page 8, line 3, with the following paragraph:

According to the cask of next invention, the shape of either one of the inner surface of a cavity of a shell main body that has a neutron shielding unit at its outer periphery and shields the γ -rays or the outer surface of a basket that has latticed cells structured by a plurality of angular pipes having neutron absorbing property, is matched with the shape of the other, whereby each used nuclear fuel aggregate is accommodated in each cell of the

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